Central assistance for the construction of irrigation projects in Kerala

1921. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many irrigation projects are under construction in Kerala at present;

(b) how many of these projects were initiated more than ten years ago;

(c) what is the total central aid granted for these projects so far; and

(d) whether any more central or foreign aid will be given to Kerala for the completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) 22 projcts.

(b) 11 projects.

(c) and (d) While Rs. 3.5 crores were granted under Drought Relief Programme during 1987-88, the Government of Kerala has utilised World Bank Credit Assistance of about US $ 68 million for Kallade Irrigation Project and tree crop development till December, 1988. The Credit Assistance for this project has not been extended beyond March, 1989.

Felling of trees in reserved forests in Darjeeling

1922. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the massive felling of trees in reserved forests in Darjeeling during the G.N.L.F. movement damaging the ecological balance to a great extent which is still continuing; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to check this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (MRS. SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) The Government of West Bengal have informed that they are aware of the felling of trees in the reserved forests in Darjeeling District during the G.N.L.F. movement. To check the menace, special raids both by forest and police departments have been organised from time to time.

Income tax arrears pending realisation from Central Ministers

1923. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the present and former Central Ministers against whom income-tax/wealth-tax arrears amounting to rupees one lakh or more are pending for realisation and since when; and

(b) what steps have been taken as yet for the recovery of the amounts and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Having regard to the large number of the persons involved and the fact that they relate to assessments spread all over the country and relating to remote past, the information to be collected will involve stupendous time and labour. There is no special cell in the department where such information is collected. However, if information is required in respect of any particular person the same can be furnished.

Creation of posts in Delhi Judicial Service

1924. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has proposed to create 169 posts in the

Delhi Judicial Service, if so, what would be the total number of posts;

(b) whether these would be sufficient to meet the needs of the Delhi Judiciary and also in the near future; and

(c) what is the time schedule of the programme fixed for recruitments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Delhi Administration has proposed creation of 232 posts in Delhi Judicial Service.

(b) These posts may be sufficient to meet the present needs.

(c) It is not possible to indicate a time schedule.

Proposal to transfer Molcham village of Manipur to Burma

1925. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Manipur Peoples Council has submitted recently a memorandum protesting against the proposed transfer of Molcham village of Manipur to Burma;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the total area proposed to be transferred to Burma;

(c) when was Parliament informed of the decision and its approval sought in this regard; and

(d) what is the number of families which are likely to be affected by the said transfer?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In 1967, the Governments of India and Burma arrived at an Agreement to formalise the International Boundary which was demarcated during the British days. However, due to certain errors in details descriptions, about 21 Kms. of this boundary still remains to be demarcated and this work has been held up in view of divergence of opinion of the State Government of Manipur and that of the Government of Burma.

Posting of officers of State Bank of Indore

1926. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether rules governing transfers of officers are being observed in the branches located in Indore and New Delhi of the State Bank of Indore; and

(b) what is the number of officers who have remained posted at one place for over three years both at Indore and New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) State Bank of Indore has reported that as per the Bank's transfer policy, officers ar normally ransfered, after completing a period of 3 years in one assignment to the next assignment at the same or different centre. It has further reported that the maximum period of continuous stay of any officer, except in very exceptional cases of administrative exigencies and on compassionate grounds, does not exceed 5 years at any one centre.

(b) The data reporting systems, currently in vogue in the banks does not yield the information asked for.

Comission received by M/s. R. R. holdings from M/s. Sumitomo Corporation

1927. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1146 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Enforcement has investigated into the receipt